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POLANDNuances Seen Between Brezhnev and Gierek Speeches

Although speeches by Brezhnev and Gierek this past weekend during Poland's 30th anniversary celebrations predictably lauded bilateral ties and included the same general analysis of international events, some nuances did appear. For example, while discussing the Cyprus question before the Sejm (parliament) on Sunday, Brezhnev spoke of "quite unconcealed armed aggression by the Greek military regime" for which "certain NATO circles" bear the responsibility. Gierek also condemned the coup, but he said only that it had been instigated "from the outside by Greek nationalists."

The two leaders also appeared to differ somewhat in the emphasis that their remarks placed on the need for future international party conferences. In issuing Moscow's first authoritative call for a Pan-European meeting, Brezhnev noted the necessity for such conferences. By contrast, Gierek, a day later, merely said that the international Communist movement is "well-served" by international conferences of fraternal parties.

Such nuances, obviously, should not be seen as an attempt by Gierek to stake out an independent line. They do, however, seem to reflect a desire by Gierek to demonstrate to his critical domestic audience that he need not parrot every Soviet policy goal. In so doing, they almost certainly also reflect a general Polish feeling that such parroting is not required.

ROMANIAExecutive Committee Announces Plenum

The long-awaited Central Committee session will be held on Saturday, according to an announcement at yesterday's meeting of the party Executive Committee. With the recent

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death of Miron Constantinescu, party secretary and chairman of the Grand National Assembly (legislature), the possibility of high level personnel changes at the plenum has been increased. Naming a replacement for Constantinescu and filling other party and state vacancies provide a ready opportunity for the type of personnel reshuffling that has become the trademark of Ceausescu's rule. In addition to possible personnel shifts, the plenum will probably take other measures intended to set the stage for the 11th party congress scheduled for the fall.

The plenary session will most certainly follow the Executive Committee's lead in approving Ceausescu's foreign policy initiatives, including the "brilliant" way in which he purportedly expresses the stands of the party and state. The session can also be expected to endorse unanimously the visits of Colombian President-elect Lopez, Muritanian President Ould Daddah, Egyptian President Sadat, and especially that of Yugoslav President Tito.

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